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1. The airfield is located in the area of a troop training ground, approximately 3 km northeast of Syzran (53°11'N/48°21'E), Kuibyshev Oblast, approximately 2 km north of the new road between Syzran-Kuibyshev (53°12'N/50°09'E). The field was about 2 x 2 km.
2. No buildings were seen at the field during the time of observation. Temporary wooden buildings, probably assigned to the troop training grounds, were located in the distance. Construction work was in progress at the field between June and October 1948. Road rollers were used. It was not noticed that building material for the construction of a runway arrived at the field.
3. Twin-engine commercial and transport planes took off from and landed at the field. Practice flights were made with biplanes.
4. Another airfield seemed to be located approximately 8 km east of Syzran, beyond the Volga River. From flying activity observed at the field it was concluded that single-engine fighters, similar to the German Me-109, were stationed at the field until October 1948.

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